

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5240

January Session, 2025



AN ACT REQUIRING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONES AROUND CERTAIN LANDSCAPING VEHICLES WHEN PARKED ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) No person shall park
- 2 or leave stationary on a public highway a vehicle with a trailer used for
- 3 landscaping purposes unless (1) such person places traffic cones around
- 4 such vehicle, and (2) such traffic cones conform with the Federal
- 5 Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
- 6 for Streets and Highways, as amended from time to time, and are placed
- 7 in a manner that conforms with said manual.
- 8 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be 9 deemed to have committed an infraction.
- Sec. 2. Section 14-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- Terms used in this chapter <u>and section 1 of this act</u> shall be construed
- 13 as follows, unless another construction is clearly apparent from the
- language or context in which the term is used or unless the construction
- is inconsistent with the manifest intention of the General Assembly:
- 16 (1) The following terms shall be construed as they are defined in 17 section 14-1: "Agricultural tractor", "authorized emergency vehicle",

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- 18 "class 1 electric bicycle", "class 2 electric bicycle", "class 3 electric bicycle",
- 19 "commissioner", "driver", "electric bicycle", "electric foot scooter",
- 20 "fuels", "gross weight", "head lamp", "high-mileage vehicle", "highway",
- 21 "light weight", "limited access highway", "maintenance vehicle", "motor
- 22 bus", "motorcycle", "motor vehicle registration", "nonresident", "nonskid
- 23 device", "number plate", "officer", "operator", "owner", "passenger motor
- 24 vehicle", "passenger and commercial motor vehicle", "person",
- 25 "pneumatic tires", "pole trailer", "registration", "registration number",
- 26 "second offense", "semitrailer", "shoulder", "solid tires", "stop",
- 27 "subsequent offense", "tail lamp", "tank vehicle", "tractor", "tractor-
- 28 trailer unit", "trailer", "truck" and "vanpool vehicle";
- 29 (2) "Carrier" means (A) any local or regional school district, any
- 30 educational institution providing elementary or secondary education or
- 31 any person, firm or corporation under contract to such district or
- 32 institution engaged in the business of transporting students, or (B) any
- 33 person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of transporting
- 34 primarily persons under the age of twenty-one years for compensation;
- 35 (3) "Curb" includes the boundary of the traveled portion of any
- 36 highway, whether or not the boundary is marked by a curbstone;
- 37 (4) "Intersection" means the area embraced within the prolongation
- of the lateral curb lines of two or more highways which join one another
- 39 at an angle, whether or not one of the highways crosses the other;
- 40 (5) "Motor vehicle" includes all vehicles used on the public highways;
- 41 (6) "Parking area" means lots, areas or other accommodations for the
- 42 parking of motor vehicles off the street or highway and open to public
- 43 use with or without charge;
- 44 (7) "Rotary" or "roundabout" means a physical barrier legally placed
- or constructed at an intersection to cause traffic to move in a circuitous
- 46 course;
- 47 (8) "Student" means any person under the age of twenty-one years

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- who is attending a preprimary, primary or secondary school program of education;
- 50 (9) "Student transportation vehicle" means any motor vehicle other 51 than a registered school bus used by a carrier for the transportation of 52 students to or from school, school programs or school-sponsored events; 53 and
- 54 (10) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as "motor vehicle".

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	14-212

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 2 was added for clarity.

TRA Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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